Statement-II

Grants-in-aid Projects (Extent of Financial Assistance 75%)

Sl.No.	Name of the Organisations	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
	Congregation of the Sisters of the Cross of Chanod, Tiruchirapalli Tamil Nadu, (Project for Rag picking children)	74,700	56,757	94,700
2	Indian Council for Child Welfare, New Delhi. (Project for Beedi Workers in M.P.)	1,52,429	78,341	1,73,918
3	Ruchika School, Bhubaneswar, Orissa. (Project for Street Children)	1,24,029	1,23,751	1,16422
4	Vivekananda Education Society, Calcutta, W.B. (Project for Street Children in Calcutta)	9,238	54,703	55,475
5	Institute of psycho ogical & Educational Ressarch, Calcutta (South, North & Central). W. B. (Project for street children)	8,07,234	..	16,71,900
6	Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare, Bangalore, Karnataka. (Project for rag picking children	62,901	86,981	70,000
7	Shramik Vikas Seva Ashram, Chaka, Naini, Allahabad.*	..	..	17,575
8	India International Rural Cultural Central New Delhi*	..	..	6,01,800
9	Central Young Mizo Association, Aizwal. *	..	..	2,44,650
10	Amrit Child Labour Welfare Trust, Ahmedabad*	..	.	47,000

* New projects approved in the last quarter of 1993-94.

Reaction of Indian Government on Imposition of Super 301 on Japan

*317. SHRI N.E. BALARAM : SHRI GAYA SINGH :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the US administration has reinstituted Super 301 trade sanctions authority on Japan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) This is a matter between two foreign governments and is not primarily the concern of the Government of India.

Anti-dumping investigation by Canada

*318. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Canada had initiated a major anti-dumping investigation against a number of Indian exporters into the alleged injurious dumping of black granite and slabs;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that exports in question are susbidised by Government and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is Government's reaction with regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (d) In December, 1993, Canada initiated investigation against alleged dumping and subsidisation of black granite memorials and black granite slabs originating from India. On 22 March, 1994, Can da made a preliminary determination in the investigation and imposed a provisional duty of 89 per cent of the export price or the ex-factory selling price to Canada.

There is no specific subsidy on export of granite. However, the Income Tax Act provides for tax concessions in respect of export earnings.

A final determination in the investigation is yet to be made by Canada

Freezing Value-Based Advance Licences

*319 SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government recently froze all value based advance licences issued before 14th September, 1993 except those where imports and exports have taken place ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether Government had issued Rs. 853 crores of licences to 622 applicants and in all over 1900 licences were issued;

(d) if so, whether out of the 622 applicants, top 50 holders of these licences walked away with Rs. 580 crores ;

(e) if so, whether out of the top 50 holders, barring 5/6 genuine exporters, all other parties are no connected with plastic trade and have fraudulently obtained licences in collusion with officers in the Ministry ;

(f) if so, whether 12 parties in Delhi obtained 259 licences repeatedly, for a total value of Rs. 163 crores and in Calcutta 5 parties obtained 46 licences valued at Rs. 74 crores during April to August, 1993 ; and

(g) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No Sir, However, the operation of Value based Advance Licences issued prior to 14-9-93 in respect of items brought in the 'Sensitive List' on that date against which neither imports nor exports had taken place till 25-1-94 was suspended on that date.

(b) The above restrictions were placed to prevent excessive import of inputs required for manufacturing export products.

(c) to (g) During 1992-93, 6756 Value Based licences for a cif value of Rs. 3317 crores and an fob value of Rs. 9582 crores were issued, During 1993-94, (upto Dec. 1983). 850 licences for a cif value of Rs. 3765